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39 (original). The method of claim 32 wherein said first, second and third color components are reflected onto respective liquid crystal display panels to generate said images.

40 (original). The method of claim 39 wherein said first, second and third color components are reflected onto respective liquid crystal display panels using only two polarizing beamsplitters.

41 (canceled).

42 (canceled).

43 (canceled).

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. In particular the Examiner identified four different species, referred to by Figure 3 (species A), Figure 4A and 4B (species B), Figure 5 (species C), and Figure 6 (species D).

The applicant elects the species illustrated in Figures 4A and 4B (species B), without traverse.

While electing species B, the applicant would note that the pending claims may also read on other species identified by the Examiner.

The applicant would point out that the remaining claims do not necessarily require all of the elements identified by the Examiner in the election of the species.

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Some of the canceled claims read on the elected species B but for convenience and simplicity of examination they have been canceled, without prejudice.

The claims remaining after amendment read on species B.

The applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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